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SENT DEPARTMENT 648, PRIORITY BONN 578 REPEATED INFORMATION  
LONDON 110, PARIS 142, MOSCOW 189.

BONN PASS POLAD USAREUR AS INFORMATION PRIORITY 191 FROM BERLIN.

PARIS FOR EMBASSY, USRO, CINCEUR THURSTON AND WEST.

REFERENCE OUR TELEGRAM 571 TO BONN, 642 TO DEPARTMENT.

BRITISH POLAD REPORTS FOLLOWING DETAILS YESTERDAY'S MARIENBORN  
INCIDENT INVOLVING BRITISH TRUCK:

TRUCK PARTIALLY OPEN BUT WITH CANVAS CURTAIN COVERING BACK.  
BRITISH DRIVER ALONE AND AFTER PRESENTING VEHICLE DOCUMENTS  
SOVIET CHECKPOINT GUARD STATED HE WISHED TO INSPECT TRUCK "FOR  
HIDDEN PERSONS." DRIVER PROTESTED VEHEMENTLY AND WHILE  
ARGUING WITH GUARD SECOND SOVIET SOLDIER JUMPED ON TAILBOARD  
OF TRUCK AND LIFTED THE COVERING CANVAS FLAP.

WHEN BRITISH DRIVER SHOUTED AT HIM, HE JUMPED DOWN. BRITISH  
HELMSTEDT CHECKPOINT CO MADE IMMEDIATE PROTEST TO SOVIET MARIEN  
BORN CHECKPOINT CO. SOVIET CO AT FIRST DENIED THAT SOVIET  
SOLDIER HAD JUMPED ON BRITISH TRUCK, STATING THAT SOVIET SOL-  
DIER HAD ONLY LIFTED CANVAS FLAP. HOWEVER, WHEN BRITISH DRIVER  
WAS ABLE TO POINT TO BOOT MARKS ON REAR OF TRUCK, SOVIET CO  
CHANGED HIS STORY AND SAID THAT HIS MEN WERE ACTING UNDER IN-  
STRUCTIONS AND THAT NO TRUCKS WOULD BE CLEARED AT NOWAWES CHECK-  
POINT WITHOUT SUBMITTING TO ACTUAL INSPECTION. SOVIET CO POINTED  
TO US VEHICLES WHICH HE SAID HAD BEEN THERE FOR SOME HOURS BE-  
CAUSE THEY REFUSED TO BE INSPECTED.

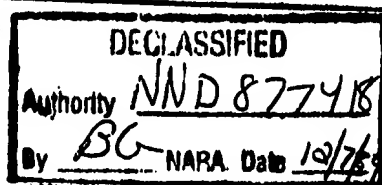
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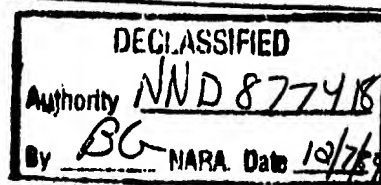
BRITISH FURTHER REPORT THAT TOMORROW A TRUCK CONVOY WILL PROCEED FROM FEDREP TO BERLIN. IF SOVIETS DEMAND TO INSPECT VEHICLES AT MARIENBORN, CONVOY INSTRUCTED NOT (REPEAT NOT) TURN BACK BUT REMAIN MARIENBORN PENDING FURTHER ORDERS.

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